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SUBJ: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES (CERDS):
EXCHANGE BETWEEN PRESIDENTS FORD AND ECHEVERRIA

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1. PERSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL, DELOFFS INFORMED UK, ARGENTINE, KENYAN DELS IN COMITE2, AND CANADIAN, FRENCH, DANE AND UK DELS IN COMITE 6(SEVERAL OF LATTER DELS SERVED AS THEIR COUNTRIES' REPRESENTATIVES TO RECENTLY CONCLUDED NEW YORK INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON CERDS.) FRENCH DEL, IN HIS CAPACITY CHAIRMAN EC-9 GROUP, WAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY DELOFF TO BRING TO ATTENTION OF EC-9 CORRECT US POSITION ON SUBJECT. USDEL IN COMMITTEE 2 WILL INFORM OTHER KEY DELS THIS P.M.

2. IN DISCUSSION ON CERDS WITH MEMBER OF MEXICO COMITE 6 DEL, LATTER INFORMED DELOFF THAT GROUP OF 77 (G-77) HELD MEEING ON OCT 22. AT THAT MEETING, G-77 DECIDED TO BEGIN DRAFTING A COMPLETE TEXT OF CERDS. ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION IS NOV. 20. G-77 APPARENTLY
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HAVE NOTE FORECLOSED POSSIBILITY OF CONSULTING WITH

DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (GROUP B) BEFORE TABLING DRAFT IN COMITE 2, BUT PRESENT DISPOSITION APPEARS TO BE THAT IF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DO NOT SHOW INTEREST IN HAVING SUCH CONSULTATION, NONE WILL BE OFFERED. MEXICAN DEL EMPHASIZED HE HAS NOT BEEN (AND IS NOT) ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CERDS EXERCISE, BUT WAS RELATING TO DELOFF WHAT HE HAD HEARD.

3. IN LATER CONVERSATION, UK DEL (FREELAND) SOUGHT DELOFF VIEW ON ADVISABILITY OF GROUP B PROPOSING TO G-77 THAT THERE BE FURTHER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK BEFORE COMITE 2 CONSIDERATION OF CHARTER. BOTH DELS CONCURRED G-77 LIKELY TO REJECT OFFER, THOUGH BOTH AGREED THAT OFFER COULD BE (A) USEFUL FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS POINT OF VIEW TO SHOW GROUP B GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, AND (B) USEFUL IN THAT SUCH A UNIFIED APPROACH WOULD DECREASE THE PROSPECT OF BILATERAL APPROACHES BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL GROUP B MEMBERS AND G-77. LATTER APPROACHES COULD WELL INCREASE POSSIBILITY OF VOTING DEFECTIONS BY GROUP B MEMBERS ON FINAL CERDS TEXT. DEPT'S REACTION REQUESTED. SCALI

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